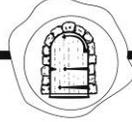


# WINTER'S HILL *estate*



2013 Pinot Gris

Retail Price: \$17

Appellation: Dundee Hills, Oregon

Production: 600 cases 750ml

## **Tasting Notes**

### **90 Points-Wine Enthusiast**

“Good grip and focus are the hallmarks here, showcasing pinpoint fruit flavors of orange, apple and pear. Precision crafting and immaculate acidity contribute to a lingering, refreshing finish, with a gently-rendered phenolic bite.” -Paul Gregutt

## **Fermentation and Aging**

The whole clusters of handpicked fruit are placed directly into the press within hours of harvest. After pressing, the juice is fermented slowly to dryness in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation temperature is kept low, again to preserve the aroma and freshness of the fruit. The malo-lactic fermentation is blocked, to preserve the natural acidity of the wine.

Alcohol 13%

pH 3.18

Harvested October 9, 2013

## **2013 Vintage**

With an early Spring and a long mild summer, 2013 brought ideal growing conditions to the Dundee Hills. We were expecting an early harvest until the weather rapidly cooled in September. With rain and cooler temperatures lingering through harvest, we had to work extra hard in the vineyard and winery. The experience we have gained since 1990 was very helpful; as we have learned to be proactive in doing everything we can to maximize our quality. Some years that means that we do extra work, but that can make all the difference. Fruit that must hang out in the drizzle is susceptible to botrytis, so we aggressively thinned the Pinot Gris before we harvested, cutting out excess fruit to establish an open, well ventilated canopy. As a result, the fruit was clean and we are very pleased with the wine.

## **Vineyards**

Located in the Dundee Hills AVA within the Willamette Valley, our 35 acre estate vineyard is the source of 100% of the Pinot Gris grapes used to make Winter's Hill wines. South facing, at an elevation of 525-730 ft, the site is ideal for the production of premium wines. Truly in the heart of Oregon's wine-country, Winter's Hill is bordered to the East by Domaine Serene, to the South by Stoller Vineyards, and to the North by Vista Hills. The sections planted to Pinot Gris are southwest facing, and the vines soak up the warm afternoon sun to fully develop their flavor and aroma.

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